

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held September 2, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chris Anderson	Torry Brean	Matt Deskovick (Arr 7:20)
	Katherine L. Finley	Kathy S. Finley	Dennis Grimes
	Bob Hailey	Eb Hogervorst	Kristi Mansolf
	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel	Richard Tomlinson

Excused Absence: Chad Anderson, Jim Piva, Angus Tobiason

Chris Anderson, RCPG Chair, acted as the Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present

ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason had excused absences.

ITEM 5: Approval of Order of the Agenda (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 6: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)

The Chair announced that she was at a meeting with Supervisor Jacob to discuss alternatives for community representation. She is trying to get ideas on ways to cut costs for Planning and Sponsor Groups. A cost analysis will be done for each idea. She suggested we should go to the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) website and review the rules. The FPPC has jurisdiction over us. She reminded RCPG members to not speak to someone about an item on the agenda, and don't have daisy chain email conversations.

Mr. Hailey asked if indemnification of Planning and Sponsor Group members was considered?

The Chair said there was some discussion on this. An option may come forward. The value Planning and Sponsor Groups provide to the County will be considered – how much would it cost to replace Planning and Sponsor Groups?

The Chair announced that the mural concept for Main Street is moving forward. A presentation was made at the Design Review Board meeting.

ITEM 7: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: TO PLACE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2010, ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS SUBMITTED.

Upon motion made by Katherine L. Finley and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 8-5-10 (Action) – Addressed under Consent Calendar

ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brennecke read in the Ramona Sentinel that the RCPG was considering having a summit on the facts of the Ramona Street Extension project. He feels the public has been kept in the dark about this project, and he doesn't feel the RCPG has the facts. Mr. Brennecke has requested information from the County and has received just one document. Then, Mr. Brennecke requested specific information from DPW through the RCPG, to include environmental documentation and engineering data for the Ramona Street Extension project. He requested the project be put on the RCPG agenda – not the Transportation/Trails agenda – and the RCPG ask the County to remove the Ramona Street Extension project. He also wanted to see the legal document granting an easement on the properties on the east side of the proposed road.

Speaker: Patricia Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Ms. Brennecke requested the Ramona Street Extension project be placed back on the RCPG agenda. She feels the County didn't do their due diligence in making the current plan, which fails to provide for several residents to enter their property as it exists now. Ms. Brennecke said her driveway will be approximately an 18 percent grade and high banks on both sides will block her driveway making it dangerous to turn into traffic. The RCPG approved the plan without acknowledging residents' concerns. She doesn't believe the road can be built for \$3-\$4 million. Unexpected costs spent on Ramona Street will set back other projects.

Speaker: Donna Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers said she and her neighbors were contacted 2 years ago, and an offer made to buy their land. They are still there after 2 years. She asked the RCPG take the Ramona Street Extension project off the CIP list. Democracy needs input from the people to work. Cars are a number 1 killer. An unsafe road will be made if the project is completed.

(Mr. Deskovick arrived at 7:20).

Speaker: Jerry Myers, Ramona Resident

Mr. Myers read an article in the Ramona Sentinel (September 2, 2010) about murals proposed for Main Street in Ramona. The article said people wanted the traffic in Ramona to see the murals. He feels the RCPG wants people to use the South Bypass and drive around town.

Speaker: Shelly Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers said the Ramona Street Extension has been touted as the answer to circulation problems and safety for schools. She feels no matter who has to stop at the Boundary/Ramona intersection, it won't be safe. Ms. Myers gave several traffic scenarios. She felt each added to more traffic congestion, air pollution and driver stress. She doesn't feel the proposed Ramona Street Extension project will improve circulation or safety for schools. People will take short cuts and drive down residential roads to avoid the traffic. She asked the RCPG to put themselves in the Ramona Street residents' shoes.

Speaker: Marty Brown, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brown lives on Rowley, and he said the speed limit is too fast on Ramona Street. There is a ridge that comes up and between his driveway and the school. School traffic is backed up and people come fast over the hill while traffic is stopped. Adding more traffic to Ramona Street is ridiculous. There are other things in Ramona that need repair.

Speaker: Rafael Cabrera, Ramona Resident

Mr. Cabrera values the RCPG's time. He feels the RCPG plans are not consistent with the wishes of the people who voted for RCPG members. He was brought in by Ms. Myers. He is explaining to neighbors about the Ramona Street Extension project and its impacts. Mr. Cabrera asked the RCPG to do what is best for the Community. He knows people at the SDCE who feel the Ramona Street Extension project is a waste of money. One in 35 say they will use it. Children will still be walking on the roads.

Speaker: Cheryl Snyder, Ramona Resident

Ms. Snyder is opposed to the Ramona Street Extension project and asked for it to be deleted. There is only so much money available, and it would be better spent on projects that will benefit the whole Community. The project will destroy the Community Character of the area. The road will decrease the neighbor's enjoyment of their property.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini said he wished there could be a dialogue with the RCPG on the Ramona Street Extension project. He wants to have a 2-way conversation – a civilized debate. He thought a workshop on Ramona Street may work, but not like the last Summit in Ramona where people submitted written questions and could not talk. He said the RCPG can reconsider an item with new information. Regarding the Montecito Road Vacation, Mr. Minervini said he doesn't remember this item being discussed, and the RCPG should have asked them before vacating it.

Four members of the public filled out speaker slips registering opposition to the Ramona Street Extension project under Non-Agenda Items, but did not wish to speak.

ITEM 10: Presentation by Kenton Jones, Traffic Safety/DPW Unit Manager, Chair of Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC), on TAC Functions: Parking Prohibitions, Stop Signs, Speed Limits, etc.

Kenton Jones works in DPW in Traffic Operations and Collision Review. Curves and visibility are reviewed, among other things. He is on the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC). Some of the issues they look at are red striping, parking prohibitions, stop signs and traffic signals. If there is a potential parking/no parking issue, and the residents agree and the RCPG agrees, a red curb is put in. Some of the groups and entities that are represented on the TAC are the CHP, the Sheriff, AAA (insurance), the San Diego Bicycle Coalition, County Risk Management, and others. Everyone serving on the TAC is a traffic expert. Trade offs are considered when there is a problem. They look at stop controls. At an uncontrolled intersection – when there is more volume – they may recommend controls. Mr. Jones said that as far as speed limits – their hands are tied with how they are established. The Vehicle Code determines how speed limits are set. The 85th percentile is used to review how fast people are going and determine if the speed is still a workable for conditions. They can come down a little on some speed limits when there is a traffic history established.

Mr. Grimes asked how are requests prioritized when they come in?

Mr. Jones said that most are \$200 fixes, such as stop sign. Stoplights cost about \$200,000 and are prioritized annually.

Mr. Deskovick asked who does the RCPG make a request to for bicycles not to be on roads? Some roads are dangerous for bicycles.

Mr. Jones said the Vehicle Code considers having bicycles on roads as a sharing of the road.

Ms. Mansolf asked Mr. Jones to explain radar certification and recertification.

Mr. Jones said that the TAC sometimes asks the RCPG to review information relating to radar certification. After a speed limit is born, the number of cars may increase on a road until a threshold for enforcement is reached. There is a request to periodically review the speed limit set on roads. There is a 7-year cycle to recertify the use of radars for enforcement. The use of radar to enforcement speed limits is the item up for review.

The Chair asked Mr. Jones if he could please stay for Item 13-H-1, Traffic Issues SDCE.

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER ITEM 5, APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 13-H-1-(A-C) FORWARD TO AFTER ITEM 12.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 11: APN 281-492-10, 18472 Ramona View Dr., Request for Waiver of “S” Scenic Special Area Regulation. Fire Rebuild of 1040 Squ. Ft. Detached Garage with Minor Modification. Russell (Owner), Vallenzano (Representative) (Action Item)

Mr. Vallenzano presented the site plan. It has been approved by the Design Review Board. The property can't be seen from Hwy 78. Ramona View Drive is on a slope. It is 13 feet to the top of the ridge. They are replacing a garage they lost in the 2007 fires, but not a barn.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF THE "S" SCENIC SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 12: TPM 20769 RPL, 717 Haverford and Pine St., 2 Lot Split, 11.97 Acres, 4 Acre Minimum. Thompson, Owner; May, Engineer (Action Item)

Mr. Thompson's project was approved by the RCPG on March 5, 2009. The County is requesting the RCPG to review the project again as it is ready to be considered for approval. Mr. Thompson is doing a boundary adjustment as part of the TPM so he doesn't have to tear down an existing structure on the property.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Torry Brean, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 13-H-1: Traffic Issues SDCE:

- A) **Consideration of County DPW Traffic to Paint the Curb Red 40 feet along the South Side of San Vicente Rd. west of Green Haven Lane West, SDCE;**
- B) **Consideration of Erecting a Sign (Flashing) near Gunn Stage Alerting Drivers to Watch Traffic Entering San Vicente Rd from the Right;**
- C) **Urge Enforcement of Speed Limits on San Vicente and other County Roads within SDCEA – *Taken out of Order***

Mr. Sprong presented the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee report. Mr. Garrett came to the meeting and discussed with the committee the issue of red curb and other safety related items at, and in the vicinity, of San Vicente Road/Green Haven Lane. Mr. Garrett is primarily concerned about vehicles speeding as they travel eastbound on San Vicente Road. Mr. Hickman, a subcommittee member, discussed issues relating to setting enforceable speed limits and the feasibility of a variety of safety related items. After much discussion by the group, a motion was made that a letter be authored that would be sympathetic to Mr. Garrett's concerns, and sent to the County for an investigation.

Mr. Jones said all items brought up are classic. He asked the RCPG to send a letter to the County to investigate.

Mr. Sprong brought forward the motion from the subcommittee.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO INVESTIGATE: 1) INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE LENGTHS OF RED CURB AT THE SAN VICENTE ROAD/GREEN HAVEN LANE INTERSECTION SO THAT SIGHT DISTANCE CAN BE

MAXIMUMIZED; 2) INSTALLATION OF INTERSECTION WARNING SIGNS ON SAN VICENTE ROAD IN ADVANCE OF VISTA VICENTE DRIVE AND GREEN HAVEN LANE; 3) STEPS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE THAT WOULD ENABLE THE COUNTY TO SET A REALISTIC AND ENFORCEABLE SPEED LIMIT ON SAN VICENTE ROAD, EAST OF WILDCAT CANYON ROAD; AND 4) INSTALLATION OF EDGELINE STRIPING IN THE APPROPRIATE AREAS STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF GUNN STAGE TO THE END OF SAN VICENTE ROAD.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 11-1-0-0-3**, with Matt Deskovick voting no, and Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 13: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

13-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)

13-B: WEST (Mansolf) (No Business)

13-C: EAST (Kathy S. Finley)(No Business)

13-D: PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)

13-E: AHOPE (Sprong) (No Business)

13-F: GP Update Plan (Anderson) (Action Items)

13-F-1: Requests to Be Heard on Density Designations from Individuals at 8-5-10

Meeting:

A) Kapelczak, 1023 B St. Property Currently C-37. Proposed to Remain C-37 in GP Update

Mr. Kapelczak has property that has been given zero density in the GP Update. He bought the property with 3 apartment units on it, and the site had been used like this for years before he bought it. Mr. Kapelczak wants to know what it would take for the property to be conforming in the GP Update?

Ms. Mansolf and Mr. Kapelczak have both been in contact with the County to discuss the property. C-37 allows group residential, while C-40 does not. If at some time during the history of site, apartment use may have been allowed, it could be grandfathered in.

MOTION: TO REQUEST: WHAT THE ZONING NEEDS TO BE TO MAKE THE 3 DWELLING UNITS ON SITE, IN PLACE FOR OVER 20 YEARS (1978) TO BECOME CONFORMING DURING THE GP UPDATE? REQUEST COUNTY TO REVIEW HISTORY OF USE TO SEE IF IN OVER 20 YEARS, THE SITE WAS EVER USED AS MULTI FAMILY AND IF THAT WAS A LEGAL NONCONFORMING LOT DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

**B) Cox, Vicinity of Oak/Poplar. Proposed to be 1 du/ac in GP Update
Property has been 2.9 du/ac during GP Update Process until March, 2010**

Speaker: David Kinman, Ramona Resident

Mr. Kinman moved to the area 7 years ago. He has followed his property density throughout the GP Update process, and it has always been 2.9 du per acre. Last March, it changed to 1 du per acre. He would like it to go back to 2.9 du per acre. The property is very close to the Town Center.

Ms. Mansolf said that Mr. Cox, who came to the August 5 meeting to ask that this area be put on the agenda, was unable to attend the meeting September 2. He owns land by Oak and Poplar. He has been watching his property density throughout the GP Update process, and noticed the change too, and would also like it to revert back to 2.9 du per ac.

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION MADE MARCH 4, 2010, TO CHANGE THE DENSITY OF THIS AREA FROM 2.9 DU PER ACRE TO 1 DU PER ACRE.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Torry Brean, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND THE WHOLE AREA REVERT BACK TO 2.9 DU PER ACRE FROM THE 1 DU PER ACRE DECISION THE RCPG MADE MARCH 4, 2010, TO INCLUDE THE COX AND KINMAN PROPERTIES (WAS 2.9 DU/AC THROUGH GP UPDATE PROCESS UNTIL 3-10).

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Torry Brean, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

C) Bunnie King Area. Proposed to be 10 du/ac in GP Update. At One Time during GP Update, 1 du per 4 ac was Proposed.

Ms. Finley said her property in the Bunnie King area was an 8 acre minimum lot size in the 1970's, and then it went to 4 acre minimum. Ten years ago it was 4 acre minimum. They have all of the services in that area. She wants to retain the 4 acre minimum lot size and not go to a 10 acre minimum lot size in the GP Update.

MOTION: TO RETAIN THE CURRENT LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A 4 ACRE MINIMUM (SR-4) FOR ALL LIGHT GREEN AREAS (SR-10) SHOWN ON THE GP UPDATE, APRIL, 2010, MAP, BEGINNING EAST OF SAN VICENTE ROAD, 4 PARCELS SOUTH OF GEM LANE, EAST TO ASHLEY ROAD, SOUTH TO THE BARNETT RANCH PRESERVE, AND WEST BACK TO SAN VICENTE ROAD, TO INCLUDE THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF BUNNIE KING WEST TO THE VAN TOL PROPERTY.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the Motion **passed 10-0-0-2-3**, with Katherine L. Finley and Eb Hogervorst stepping down, and Chad Anderson, Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason absent.

13-G: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)

13-H: Transportation/Trails (Piva)(Action Items)

13-H-1:Traffic Issues SDCE: (Taken out of Order after Item 12)

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13-H-2: Discussion on Holding a Workshop/Meeting to Improve Public Safety In the Vicinity of the Schools

Mr. Sprong gave the subcommittee report. This item had been proposed at a recent RCPG meeting. Mr. Hailey was at the Transportation/Trails meeting, and he said in the past the RCPG tried to set guidelines that all roads within 1 mile of any school should have curb, gutter and sidewalk. It was said law enforcement does a good job with their presence, and officers do their jobs well with enforcement. After much discussion, it was decided that there is no need to hold a forum or workshop to discuss safety in the vicinity of schools, and that Transportation/Trails and the RCPG will continue to support the County in construction and providing adequate infrastructure to allow for safe public transportation in the vicinity of schools.

13-I: DESIGN REVIEW (Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board

The Chair said there was a presentation to the Board on the mural project. The KFC has until October 2 to comply with code enforcement requirements on the bucket, or file for a permit.

13-J: RAMONA VILLAGE DESIGN (Brean, Stykel) Update on Ramona Village Design Committee Meetings -- Ramona Village Design did not meet.

ITEM 14. OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)

- A) Alternatives for Community Representation for DPLU (Discussion and Possible Action)**
- B) Report on SANDAG Meetings – Transportation Meetings Canceled through August – Mr. Hailey said the next Transportation Committee meeting for SANDAG is scheduled for September 17, 2010.**

ITEM 15: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)

- A) Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action)**

No new members were added, but Dennis Sprong said Donna Myers resigned from the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee.

B) Agenda Requests

Ms. Mansolf requested the medical marijuana facility in the general commercial area be placed on the agenda so we can ask the County for a status update on why it is still operating in that area, when they are only to be in certain industrial areas.

C) Concerns of Members

Ms. Mansolf had concerns with Ramona Street, and that there wasn't going to be a workshop or meeting on it. She felt something should be done proactively on this issue.

Kathy S. Finley suggested reviewing the history of the road alignment.

D) DPLU Training Information for RCPG Members – To Come Off the Next Agenda

ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf